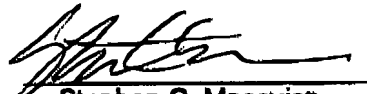


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Preliminary to the examination of the above application, Applicants request that the following amendment be entered:

IN THE CLAIMS:**Please cancel claims 2 and 11-13.**

a! 1. (Amended) A method of sorting a [molecule] peptide or subpopulation of [molecules] peptides in a population of [molecules] peptides, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) attaching an oligonucleotide tag from a repertoire of tags to each [molecule] peptide in a population of [molecules] peptides (i) such that the same [molecules] peptides or same subpopulation of [molecules] peptides in the population have the same oligonucleotide tag attached and different [molecules] peptides or different